"AN ANALYSIS OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTERS IN THANE DISTRICT"

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1.1 Introduction:

Health is an essential input for the development of human resources and the quality of life and ultimately for the social and economic development of the nation. It is of paramount importance as a national asset and basis to sustain as well as to stimulate optimum level of efficiency. Now-a-days it is widely recognized that human capital plays a dominant role in the context of economic development and health is an important component of human capital. The issue of health is of greater importance from the point of view of both individuals and the nation**.**

Health geography is one of the new and exciting areas of geography though its roots date back to ancient times. It is continuously evolving, developing and is being extended with more and more research areas. The concept of health geography and its research tasks have been defined by many in various ways, some scientists emphasise its connection with medicine whilst others highlight its links to sociology.

Health geography belongs to the field of human geography; however, it is closely related to physical geography concerning its areas and aspects of research. Its approach is both of regional and general geography. Its most important organisational principles are spatial, historical and chronological.

1.2 Study Region:

Thane District forms a part of North Konkan Region. Which lies between the Sahyadri hills in the east and the Arabian Sea in the West. It has coastal line of about 113 Kms. It lies Between 18°42' and 20°20' North latitudes and 72°45' to 73°48' East longitudes in eastern part of the state Its East-West spread is maximum at the South which is about 100 Kms. The North-south length is approximately 140 Kms. District head quarter Thane is about 25 Kms from the international airport and 35 Kms from the main down town of Mumbai City.

1.3 Objectives:

The overall objective of the present study is to examine the distributional study of primary health centres in Thane district on the basis of the above broad objective the following specific objectives are framed to conduct the present study.

1. Study of physical and socio-economic condition of Thane district
2. Study of various concept and programme run by PHC
3. To study the various health facilities implemented at PHC and HSC of the study area.

4. Distributional study of Primary Health Centres and Health Sub Centres in the study area.
5. To study the socio-economic profile of the sample respondents.
6. To study the registered cases in different kinds of diseases in Primary Health Centres.

1.4 Limitation and Scope:

1. This research is related to Health Geography.

2. This research is limited for Thane District of Maharashtra.

3. This research is related to the primary health centres of Thane district.

1.5 Hypothesis:

1. The health care facilities are not equally distributed in the study area.

2. The health care centres are not providing high quality treatment.

3. More diseases are found in low-income group.

4. Where there is illiteracy there are more diseases.

5. Quality of government health care facilities compared to that with private health care facilities.

1.6 Review of related Literature and Research:

To get total information about selected subject by trainee research for it we have to study about further material.

1. To study related books on Health Geography.

2. To study about report previous selected research.

3. To study of Primary health centres.

4. To study about government policies related to health.

1.7 Research of Methodology:

1.7.1 Selection of sampling:

In this research all primary health centres of Thene district will be selected.

1.7.2 Research Method:

Surveying method will be use.

1.7.3 Tools:

For this research observation, oral interview, questioning this study method will be use.

1.7.4 Interpretation:

Analysis of selected material will be done by following method

1. Material will be classified.
2. Statistical information will be given.
3. Statistical analysis will be done through the graph and figures.
4. Conclusion are done by given information.

1.8 Chapter Scheme:

Chapter No 1: Introduction

1. Concepts of Health and Health Geography
2. Selection of region and topic
3. Objectives
4. Methodology
5. Hypothesis
6. Review of related literature.

Chapter No 2: Geographical and socio-economic setting:

2.1 Physical setting

1. Extend and boundaries

2. Physiography

3. Climate

4. Drainage

5. Soils

6. Vegetation

2.2 Socio-economic setting

1. Land use

2. Agriculture

3. Irrigation

4. Transport and trade

Chapter No. 3 Concept and Health Programme

1.Health care

2. Health policies

3.Primary health centres

4.Immunization

Chapter No. 4 Study of Primary Health Centres of Thane District

1. Distribution of Primary Health Centre

2. Infrastructure of Health Care Facilities

3. Profile of PHC

4. PHC's Staff Pattern

Chapter No. 5 Socio-economic profile of sample respondent

1. Age

2. Sex

3. Caste

4. Education

5. Financial condition

Chapter No 6 Register disease at Primary Health Centres

Chapter No. 7 Analysis and Interpretation of Data

Chapter No. 8 Conclusion, Problem and Suggestions

Appendix and Bibliography

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